



State of Indiana

Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

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Indiana Land Resources Council Meeting

Date: January 23, 2001

Location: Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

Members Present:

Bob Guernsey
David Hess
Eric Kelly
Sam Smith
Don Strietelmeier

Members Absent:

Lt. Governor Joe Kernan
John Fernandez
Mary McConnell
Riely O'Connor
Joe Pearson

OCA Staff:

Joe Tutterrow
Julia Wickard

Joe Tutterrow called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The December 12, 2000 meeting minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Directors Report - Joe Tutterrow is serving as the Council's liaison for the following committees/groups:

- Indiana Land Use Consortium
- Indiana GIS Task Force
- Indiana Trail Advisory Group
- IRDC Community Visitation Task Force
- IRDC Land Use Task Force
- Purdue Land Use, Planning with POWER Steering Committee
- Interagency Brownfields Task Force
- Natural Resource Professionals Training Committee
- Working group for Interagency Task Force, Governor's Office

Tutterrow attended a planning workshop in Shelbyville on January 17, 2001 and will present to a community group in Kentland on January 24, 2001. The Council agreed this type of activity is extremely important to help raise the visibility of the Council and land use issues.

Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Polis Center at I.U.P.U.I., gave a presentation on the GIS Council and the State GIS Initiative. (See attached presentation)

- Council was created by a Governor's Proclamation.
- Council is funded with "soft" dollars.
- The Polis Center at I.U.P.U.I. provides administrative support (Saligoe-Simmel's position).

Saligoe-Simmel led a discussion with the Council. Key points included:

- There is a need to identify standards at both the state and federal level.
- There are many groups trying to address GIS; it needs to be connected.

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- While Indiana seems to be losing ground in some areas, the formation of the Indiana GIS Task Force (led by Roger Koelpin) and the State GIS Initiative (GIS Council led by Saligoe-Simmel), Indiana is actually ahead of many other states. The GIS Council serves as the state "implementation team".
- State GIS standards should be in place in 6 months.
- Communities that utilize GIS will see economic benefit, but also increased development pressure.
- There is a wide range of potential GIS applications. The Council asked Saligoe-Simmel to develop a proposed GIS model and submit it to the Council for possible funding.

Ron Lauster, U.S.D.A.- Natural Resource Conservation Service, gave a presentation on the National Resource Inventory (NRI). Lauster talked about the Farmland Protection Program (FPP) that is to be announced in the Federal Register in February, 2001. His input included:

- There will be \$30 million available nationally in the FPP.
- The Forest Legacy Program could serve as a model for the development of a state-level Farmland Protection Program.
- The following questions need to be answered if a state-level Farmland Protection Program is to be developed:
 - Who will administer the program?
 - What role will Land Trusts play?
 - Could Community Foundations play a role?
- The match requirements will also be an issue.
- Time frame is very short. If any proposals are developed, a letter of support from the ILRC will be written.

Julia Wickard, Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, provided a legislative update. Copies were distributed to Council members and the audience (see attached document). Wickard is tracking legislation that pertains to agriculture or related areas including land use. Wickard will monitor and provide updates for distribution to the Council.

Jamie Palmer, Center for Urban Policy and the Environment at IUPUI, discussed the options and levels of research to expand their recent study statewide (see attached). The Indiana Land Resources Council (ILRC) recommended that information be gathered statewide for counties and municipalities over 2500. This level will take about 12 weeks to complete. Jamie will develop a proposal and cost estimate for the Council.

Tutterrow provided an update on the ILRC Homepage. The OCA is one of several state agencies that are scheduled to reformat and standardize their web sites in February. Tutterrow distributed a list of over 80 websites addressing land use to the Council.

Tutterrow discussed the history of "state planning" (see attached document). The Council agreed that no additional information is needed at this time.

Tutterrow led a brief discussion about the "Guiding Principles" for the ILRC. After completing some editing, the Council agreed to review the document and reach a conclusion before the next meeting.

Joyce Martin, Executive Assistant to Governor Frank O'Bannon, was introduced to the Council. Martin discussed the development of a State Agency Land Use Task Force being developed through the Governor's office. The Council asked if a tour of the Governor's office could be arranged at a future Council meeting.

The Council discussed the glossary of terms and definitions. Tutterrow will distribute an updated version of this glossary. The Council agreed to review and edit prior to the next Council meeting.

The Council discussed the list of "White Paper" topics and agreed that Peak Power Plants should be added to the list. The Council identified potential authors or responsible individuals for each topic. Eric Kelly will develop a "template" by early February 2001 that should be used for drafting the papers. Tutterrow will distribute the template to Council members for comment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joe Tutterrow, Director

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